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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 27, 1974

FULL NAME NYLE KRACKE
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 1114 HOLT LN.

CITY LA JUNTA STATE COLORADO ZIP CODE 81050

AGE _____ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 43 (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION PROTESTANT NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION Works for a Building Renovator firm

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 175 COLOR white HEIGHT 5' 11"

COLOR OF HAIR grayish COLOR OF EYES _____

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS NONE

MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN NONE AT HOME
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Troop 237	La Junta	Colorado	Rocky Mtn Council	<i>Registration</i>	4/30/74
SPECIAL RECOGNITION <u>Scouter's Key</u>					

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Signed *John D. Bell*
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council *Rocky Mtn Council*

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July 17, 1974

Mr. John W. Bolte
Scout Executive
Rocky Mountain Council, No. 63

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Nyle Kracke

Dear Mr. Bolte:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning
Nyle Kracke. We have added this information to our
file. This will be most helpful for identification
purposes in the future, should he again try to register
in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager
Registration & Subscription Service

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June 19, 1974

Mr. John W. Bolte, Jr.
Scout Executive
Rocky Mountain Council, No. 63

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Nyle Kracke

Dear Mr. Bolte:

Thank you for the detailed letter concerning Nyle Kracke that you received from Mr. Joe D. Clay, District Executive. We have placed this information in our file.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. This will enable us to identify Mr. Kracke, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

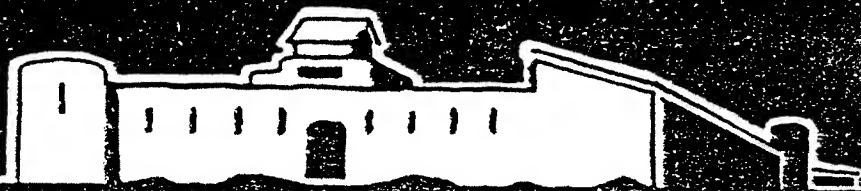
Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Manager
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BENT'S FORT DISTRICT * ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL * BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
BOX 100, LA JUNTA
COLORADO 81050

MOST CONFIDENTIAL

3 JUNE 1974

FROM: Joe David Clay, District Executive
TO: John W. Bolte, Jr., Scout Executive
Rocky Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America
Box 1496, Pueblo, Colorado 81002

SUBJECT: KRAKE, NYLE

Subject individual is currently registered as Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 237, La Junta, Colorado. He is about 6'2" tall, weighs about 195 pounds, Caucasian, with greying hair and glasses. He is married and has children who no longer live at home. He is employed by an engineering consulting firm in Pueblo.

INVESTIGATION NARRATIVE: Investigation conducted by Joe Clay

10:17 AM, Friday, 30 May 1974:

I met [REDACTED] Troop 237 at the Colorado Bank and Trust Company in La Junta, Colorado. I was informed by him that certain allegations involving homosexual activity had been made against [REDACTED] Assistant Scoutmaster, Nyle Kracke (subject). These allegations had been brought to his attention by [REDACTED] mother of the two boys involved, [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] Troop 237; [REDACTED] is a former member.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] talked with him on Thursday evening, 29 May 1974. He was extremely disturbed and attempted to contact me, but I was in Lamar at the time. Therefore he called the Scout Executive, John W. Bolte, Jr. I informed [REDACTED] that I was on my way to Denver to meet John Bolte and that we would take proper action concerning these allegations.

3:12 pm, Friday, 30 May 1974:

I met John Bolte at the Leonard Joseph Company in Denver, Colorado, who directed me to make an investigation; take such action as I thought appropriate, and report the results to him.

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2:00pm, Saturday, 1 June 1974

Met with [REDACTED] at their home [REDACTED] of La Junta, Colorado. They stated that on Wednesday, 28 May 1974 their youngest son [REDACTED] had refused to attend a Court of Honor held by Troop 237, stating that Troop 237 was "...full of faggots...". This caused the [REDACTED] to make further inquiry, through which they determined that both of their sons had been involved with the subject.

The statement of the parents virtually duplicated the statements of their sons, which follow. They added that over the preceding months, [REDACTED] had been the recipient of several gifts from the subject, including uniforms and Scout books. They also discovered that there were apparently other boys involved as well. At this point they called [REDACTED] called - [REDACTED] out of town.)

3:30pm, Saturday, 1 June 1974

Picked up [REDACTED] at Koshare dance practice and took him home. While I was interviewing [REDACTED], [REDACTED] came home. Both boys were interviewed separately and privately with no one present other than myself. They had no opportunity for discussion with each other. Following the interviews with the boys, I talked with [REDACTED] Statements follow:

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] 3:30pm, Saturday, 1 June 1974 :

At the Spring Camporee at Lake Hasty, Colorado in 1971, [REDACTED] was invited to share a double sleeping bag with the subject, in spite of the fact that he possessed a sleeping bag of his own. He accepted. He alleged that during the night, he and Nyle slept naked together and that subject masturbated him.

[REDACTED] stated that on subsequent campouts, it became a matter of custom for he and subject to sleep together, in the nude - and that each time, he was masturbated by the subject.

At the 1972 Spring Camporee at Lake Hasty, Colorado, [REDACTED] stated that he slept with subject and that subject masturbated him, then asked [REDACTED] to reciprocate - which [REDACTED] did.

While Troop 237 was at San Isabel Scout Ranch in 1973, on Wednesday evening, [redacted] and subject were sleeping in the same tent, in the nude. [redacted] stated that on that night, for the first time, subject "sucked him off" ; [redacted] then masturbated subject.

In August of 1973, subject took both boys on a camping trip to Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado, with no other adults or boys present. [redacted] stated that he slept with subject on first night; and that subject masturbated him, asking for reciprocation. [redacted] stated that he feigned sleep to avoid this act. The second night (Saturday), subject slept with [redacted]

In February of 1974, subject began taking [redacted] home from Scout meetings every Thursday night. The parents were told that they went to the A&W Drive In. [redacted] stated that they actually went to subject's home, where both stripped and went into the bedroom, where both participated in mutual masturbation and oral-genital contact. [redacted] stated that this practice began about 7 weeks ago and continued up until Thursday, 23 May 1974.

STATEMENT OF [redacted] - 4:35pm, Saturday, 1 June 1974

[redacted] joined Troop 237 in May 1973. In August, following a troop meeting, he states that he was asked by subject to go on a camping trip to Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado. He agreed, and he and his brother left with subject that Friday. On the first night, [redacted] slept with subject. On the second night, [redacted] slept with subject and stated that subject was "playing with him". [redacted] stated that he was too frightened and embarrassed to protest - so he just laid there.

The next incident was at the farm of the boy's grandfather, [redacted] [redacted] was sleeping with subject and stated that again subject "played with him". [redacted] stated that he feigned sleep and that after a time subject ceased his attempt. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] quit the troop.

5:51pm, Saturday, 1 June 1974:

Following the interviews with the [redacted] family, I went to the district annual meeting and dinner. [redacted] [redacted] were both quite upset but agreed to take no action until I had completed my investigation. They also named several other boys who had apparently had similar relations with subject ([redacted]). They gave me permission to bring Dr. Robert L. Smith, District Chairman into the discussion.

6:30pm, Saturday, 1 June 1974

I informed Dr. Smith of my preliminary findings and we discussed all the possibilities open to us. Bob suggested and I agreed that the best thing to do would be to confront the subject and hear his side of the story.

9:00pm, Monday, 3 June 1974

Attempts to contact subject over the weekend were unsuccessful. On Monday evening together with Dr. Smith and [REDACTED] I met subject in the office of Jerry Quick, Attorney in La Junta, Colorado.

We presented the allegations to the subject. We exhibited amazed anger, emphatically denying every allegation. Stated that boys had asked questions about sex and that he had answered those questions in the manner of a father, using a text provided by a physician. Categorically denied that any physical contact had ever been made. Stated that boys did sleep with him but that this was due to cold and loneliness, nothing else.

Subject appealed to [REDACTED] and asked if he had noticed anything, which [REDACTED] had not. Subject then stated that he was finished with Scouting in any case; that he could not take this sort of accusation. Maintained that none of the allegations were true.

Having reached a stalemate, I then went to the Koshare Kiva and asked [REDACTED] and the two boys to join us for a confrontation. They returned with me to Jerry Quick's office, where Dr. Smith and [REDACTED] had waited with subject. During this interim subject went home and obtained his text given to him by a physician.

Under questioning, both boys reiterated their original statements. Subject continued to deny everything, displayed his text and stated that it was quite normal for people to sleep together in the "cold north" where he came from.

We asked boys if there was any possible reason for them to lie - they said no. We explained seriousness of their accusations - they repeated ~~their~~ their story with no alteration. Subject again stated that this finished Scouting for him.

Informed entire groups of consequences of full-scale investigation which would be required if we did not reach resolution now.

Subject admitted truth of all allegations. The [REDACTED] family was excused and implications were explained to subject. He accepted my explanation and agreed to our course of action (dismissal and black-listing).


Following conclusion of session, subject conversed with Dr. Smith privately. Upshot of this conversation was a denial of any oral-genital contact but a promise that subject would seek professional treatment.


11:00am, Monday, 3 June 1974

Dr. Smith and I returned to my house where we prepared this report and recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Nyle Kracke be immediately dismissed from the volunteer service of the Boy Scouts of America. This action all ready has been taken.
2. That Nyle Kracke be placed on the list of undesirables published by the National Council and that he not be allowed to hold any position in Scouting except by decision of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.
3. That Nyle Kracke be encouraged strongly to seek professional help.
4. That no further action be taken against Nyle Kracke by the Boy Scouts of America.


JOE DAVID CLAY
District Executive


ROBERT L. SMITH
District Chairman

*I concur with this Report and its
Recommendations.*

*John W. Smith Jr.
District Executive*